



Councilmember David Alvarez
City of San Diego
Eighth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 7, 2017

TO: Council President Myrtle Cole

FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez

Councilmember Georgette Gómez

SUBJECT: Rescind request for Housing Authority to review San Diego Housing Commission Board Determination of Single Room Occupancy Hotel (SRO) - 701 East San Ysidro Boulevard (The Gateway Inn)

On January 13, 2017, the San Diego Housing Commission Board discussed HCR17-005- Request for Single Room Occupancy Hotel (SRO) Determination. The board voted to approve the determination that 701 E. San Ysidro Boulevard is not a Single Room Occupancy and is not subject to SRO Hotel Regulations. This action also denied the authorization of relocation benefits to each of the low-income tenants of the Gateway Inn.

On January 19th, we requested that this item be placed on the Housing Authority agenda for full discussion and final action per Council Ordinance 0-20746. We had concerns with regards to tenants that would not receive relocation benefits due to the Gateway Inn not being classified as an SRO.

In light of a negotiated settlement with the owner of the Gateway Inn that requires the payment of relocation benefits to the remaining residents, we respectfully withdraw the request for this item to be heard by the Housing Authority on March 21, 2017.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

cc: Richard C. Gentry, President and CEO
Charles B. Christensen, General Counsel